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County officials take oath



Commissioners wrap up 2016 budget

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BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court wrapped up 2016 during a special called meeting on Dec. 28 at the courthouse annex.

The commissioners approved the proposed 2016 budget amendments and end of year line item changes for the 2016 County Budget, including a transfer of \$1,106,220.63 from the Health Center Improvement Fund to the Clinic Construction Account for the new health clinic.

Construction on the \$3 million facility started at the end of March. The facility is located at the old north pool across from Lion Stadium. The commissioners issued \$2 million tax notes for the clinic, along with ham. \$1.1 million from the county's money market account.

Shannon Medical Center has agreed to provide \$275,000 worth of new equipment for the new building.

80 percent complete.

commissioners The also reviewed the amounts of PTO (paid time off) that were owed to employees.

The commissioners approved PTO amounts and to take the money out of the building maintenance fund.

The commissioners also approved a revised 2016 County Treasurer's Report. County Treasurer Karen Webb said \$1.1 million on the Wellness Center Construction Account was placed on the wrong line and the report had to be revised and corrected.

The commissioners tabled any decision on a resolution concerning the Cemetery Association and the account at Ozona Bank until Commissioner Frank Tambunga can speak with County Attorney Jody Up-

Commissioners Randy Branch and Pleas Childress were absent.

The next regular commissioners' court meeting will be 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the courthouse annex.

MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

WESLEY BEAN (right) was sworn in Tuesday morning as the new Crockett County Commissioner of Precinct 3 by County Judge Fred Deaton. County officials and sheriff's office deputies and jailers also took oaths Tuesday at the courthouse annex.



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRECINCT 1 FRANK TAMBUNGA



COUNTY SHERIFF ROBERT F. RODRIGUEZ



ANTONIO AGUILAR, ANTONIO ALEJANDRO, WILLIAM (CHIP) MAGEE, LARRY SANCHEZ, SAMMY LONGORIA, SCOTT CARSON AND SANTIAGO T. YBARRA



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County Judge Fred Dea- The meeting is open to the ton said the facility is about public.

Uresti files bills on smoking age, voter registration and foster care

BY MICHAEL A. RUGGIERI

OFFICE OF SENATOR CARLOS I. URESTI

State Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, has filed regular bills for the upcoming 85th State Legislative Session that deal with raising the We know smoking age and improving that 95 voter registration and fospercent ter care and Child Protective Services.

Senate Bill 183 will increase the legal age to purchase, possess, or consume tobacco and nicotine products in Texas from 18 to 21 years of age, and Senate Bill 228 to allow municipalities the freedom to determine a smoking age that is best for their local community.

Uresti — noting that tobacco use kills more people than alcohol, AIDS, car crashes, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides combined — said cities and the state have an obligation to discourage young people from taking up a habit that is likely to shorten their lives.

"An increased smoking age takes advantage of a simple fact—the later one tries that first cigarette, the less likely they are to become a lifetime user. Studies are finding that between ages 18 and 21 kids are moving from experi-

mental smoking, to become everyday smokers.

CARLOS URESTI

of adult smokers begin before age 21," Uresti said.

Senate Bill 185 will establish a secure method to allow Texas residents to register to vote online.

Senate Bill 186 will automatically register a citizen who applies for a driver's license or ID card to vote, and to keep their voter registration address current with their driver's license or ID card address. Senate Bill 187 will allow Texans to preregister to vote upon turning 17 years of age.

"Texas ranks near the bottom in the percentage of our voting age population who are registered to vote. I want to make registration more efficient, convenient, and secure than the process that is in place today," Uresti said.

Uresti joined State Sen.Jane Nelson, R-Flower

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Priorities for a second term, making government more responsible

As we welcome a new year and a new legislative session, my team and I are ready for another successful term.

The 115th Congress offers a fresh start for many legislative reforms that lawmakers have been working towards for years. Together, the new Congress has the opportunity to achieve major national benchmarks like replacing Obamacare with truly affordable patient-centered care; making our tax code fairer, flatter and simpler; and rolling back the overwhelming regulations



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the western world, and we become progressively dependent on secure online systems, the need is greater than ever to continue authoring national security and cybersecurity legislation to keep Americans safe.

I am also committed to continuing to offer my constituents the Gold Standard when it comes to two-way communication and the services that my office provides. As evidence of this, in the last two years I responded to over 50,000 constituent letters,

helped over 1,000 constituents with casework, and hosted over 400 public meetings throughout the district. My constituents can expect this standard as long as I have the honor of representing you, and I look forward to thousands more opportunities to interact, hear your opinions, and help you with federal agencies.

In addition to those continued goals, the 115th Congressional session offers an opportunity to improve trade deals and strengthen relations with Texas's number one trading partner-Mexico. My district includes over 800 miles of the Texas-Mexico border, and I am dedicated to finding ways to upgrade NAFTA so that border communities from Eagle Pass to El Paso can continue to thrive economically.

On top of this, I am looking forward to working with my colleagues to make healthcare affordable by empowering patients, not bureaucrats; to provide regulatory relief for millions of Texas businesses;

and to clean up the VA so that our veterans can count on receiving the care that they have earned.

We certainly have our work cut out for us, but we are armed with a new Congress and a clean slate. I am optimistic for the progress we will make over the next two years with a united government, and excited for what we will accomplish together.

> WILL HURD represents the 23rd District of Texas, which includes Crockett County Contact him at: http://hurd.house.gov

2017 begins another **State Legislative Session**

owdy and Happy New Year. As we head into 2017, we are also approaching the beginning of the next session of the Texas Legislature.

Unlike the U.S. Congress which meets year round, our state legislature meets for just 140 days every two years.

That means we have to get down to business right away, pass a state budget and address as many of Texas' challenges as possible, before going back home to tend to our families and businesses.

In my first legislative session in 2015, we passed a state budget that held spending below the rate of inflation and population growth, while also prioritizing additional funds for public schools, transportation, border se-



STATE REP. OP ED ANDREW MURR

firsthand that

sometimes good intentions at the state level places unnecessary burdens on our local communities.

Unfunded mandates and the state's need for water and other natural resources often disproportionately impact rural Texas in a negative way.

As our population continues to shift towards the suburbs, the amount of rural representatives is on the decline.

counties, cities, school districts and other local entities. As a

former county judge, I know

how much healthier a meat-free diet is and about famous vegetarians like Cesar Chavez, Twiggy and Michelangelo. They never mention that Hitler was a vegetarian and that people like Beethoven, Helen Keller, John Wayne and Abe Lincoln ate meat. They're always proclaiming that veg-heads are healthier than meat eaters without any hard evidence to prove it. Now comes a study that says that eating a vegetarian diet is not only NOT as healthy for the body, it can more often lead to mental deficiencies as well.

Vegetarians are always bragging about

all, according to the University of Graz in Austria where they reviewed health interview surveys in Austria and in Europe. Those surveys showed that vegetarians are unhealthier and more mentally-disabled than meat eaters

But we already knew that, didn't we? Anyone who enjoys a chunk of tofu more than a ribeye steak or a juicy hamburger is missing a few taste buds, if you ask me. According to the study, vegetarians are more often ill, have a lower quality of life than meat eaters, have more heart attacks and are a greater burden on the health care system. Study coordinator, Nathalie Burkert, told the Austrian Times, "We did find that vegetarians suffer more from certain conditions like asthma, cancer and mental illnesses than people that eat meat."



being of my vegetarian friends I came up with an earthshaking concept. Just as vegetarians created knockoff meat products, we should turn the tables (or at least the dinner table) and make fake vegetables out of beef. After all, turnabout is fair play. Instead of chowing down on synthetic turkey called Tofurky, how does fake Tofurky made with real beef sound? We can call

it Beefurkey. (Remind me to apply for a patent.) And our hamburger eggplant won't make you gag or queasy to look at either. I wish you could see the counterfeit rutabagas I made from beef in my test kitchen. Believe me, they look a lot more delectable than their attempts at counterfeit bacon made with bean curds. Yuck!

So lighten up veg-heads, instead of dreading another dessert of baked pears with bread pudding just think how good it would taste if the pears were made from hamburger and the bread pounding was covered with beef gravy. Ummmm! Yummy!

Because ground round is malleable I found it very easy to make it into the shape of zucchini, broccoli, beets and artichokes. Only in the middle of my artichokes you'll

great slab of imitation tofu too, made from a chunk of Choice top sirloin.

My revolutionary idea will solve a host of problems. It will allow vegetarian restaurants to liven up their menus and kids will no longer be sent to bed without dessert because they didn't eat their Brussel's sprouts, the number one hated vegetable in the USA. It would do away with all the waste in school cafeterias created by Michele Obama's school lunch program too. Make those lima beans out of beef and kids might actually eat them.

There would be no need for teenage girls to go through their mandatory "vegetarian phase" if we put real beef in their green smoothies and artificial granola bars. Bogus vegetarian pizza made with beef would put a little pizzaz into those poorly attended vegetarian potluck suppers too. And there'd be no more danger from second-hand smoke and greenhouse gases coming from vegetarian's meatless shish-kabob cookouts. Peace would break out between the meat and vegetarian factions at Whole Foods, closet meat-eatingvegetarians will have coming-out parties, vegetarians and meat eaters alike will hold hands, sing Kumbaya, while we barbecue faux veggies and nibble nuts made with real beef ones.

I'll probably get a phony Noble Peace Prize for this like Obama and Al Gore did.

IT'S THE PITTS LEE PITTS Soy is evidently not the savior after

curity, and child protection.

We identified \$3.8 billion in tax cuts, including property tax relief and a franchise tax cut.

We reformed the Department of Transportation and developed the nation's strongest border security plan. We also passed new protections for religious freedom, the Second Amendment, and the right to life.

By all measures, the 2015 legislative session was one of the most conservative in Texas history, and my goal this year is to build on those legislative successes.

During the interim period, our committees have been busy studying key issues, holding hearings and town hall meetings, and gathering input from local elected officials and civic leaders to develop proposals which will be turned into legislation in the coming weeks.

I intend to continue pushing the state to do more with less and to delegate as much decisionmaking authority as pos-

That's why it is vital we have strong voices in Austin working to pass meaningful pieces of legislation to protect private property rights and to defend our ability as rural Texans to govern ourselves locally, rather than having to conform to policies designed to meet the needs of urban or suburban communities.

We have many challenges facing us over the next five months, but I am confident that we will rise to the occasion and deliver solutions that benefit hard-working Texas families.

As always, it is an honor to represent you in the Texas House of Representatives, and I welcome your comments and opinions.

Please visit my website at www.AndrewMurr.org or contact our District Office in Kerrville (715 Water St.) at (830) 257-0432 and let me hear from you.

REPRESENTATIVE MURR represents District 53 in the Texas House, which includes Crockett County. Because I'm concerned about the well

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Patrick applauds action preserving North Carolina's 'bathroom bill'

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has applauded the North Carolina legislature's refusal to repeal a law banning individuals from using public bathrooms designated for the opposite sex.

Patrick, who has made the passage of similar legislation in Texas one of his priorities, said in a Dec. 22 statement: "Legislation like this is essential to protect the safety and privacy of women and girls, and is simple common sense and common decency.

"Legislation to protect women's privacy and business is essential to assure that sexual predators, like those who exploit the internet, will not be able to freely enter women's restrooms, locker rooms or showers and that businesses are not forced by local ordinances to allow men in women's restrooms and locker rooms."

The filing of legislation proposing new bathroom access laws is certain in the **STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS** By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

Texas Legislature's upcoming 85th Regular Session, beginning Jan. 10. Several bills have already been filed by Democratic state lawmakers, all proposing a prohibition on discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression in regards to employment, access to public facilities, etc.

TAB CHIEF DECRIES NC BILL

Chris Wallace, president of the Texas Association of Business, issued a statement taking the opposite position on the North Carolina bathroom bill.

"After months of debate and an unprecedented special session by the North Carolina Legislature, it's unfortunate to see that the state chose not to repeal the discriminatory law created by HB 2. North Carolina and states that embrace discriminatory legislation will

continue to suffer dire economic consequences, losing revenue and major events and disrupting job creation and investment.

"That's why the Texas business community has made clear that discriminatory laws like HB 2 have no place in Texas. We can't afford to slam the door on the Texas Miracle and create an environment hostile to business, unsafe and unwelcoming for citizens and harmful to our larger economy and prosperity. Keep Texas Open for Business will continue to press our own Texas lawmakers to roundly reject discriminatory bills, no matter how they're phrased or what they're named."

NEW CASE OF ZIKA **CONFIRMED**

The Texas Department of State Health Services and

Cameron County Department of Health and Human Services on Dec. 22 announced that an additional Brownsville resident has contracted the Zika virus locally, bringing the total to six in Cameron County and Texas.

Work is ongoing to identify and offer testing to anyone with possible Zika symptoms

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FORT LANCASTER NEWS

Western Frontier Days

May 19-20

BY JEFFERSON R. SPILMAN FORT LANCASTER

Fort Lancaster will host their annual Western Frontier Days Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20.

The free event will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The event will feature a special focus on Armed Forces Day and the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Lancaster.

Fort Lancaster will come alive with soldiers, pioneers, chuck wagons, livestock, camels, a stagecoach and much more.

Learn about life at this historic military fort with a variety of living history stations and experience a typical day on the Texas frontier.

Located near Sheffield, Fort Lancaster is a historic military fort built in 1855 to protect the San Antonio to El Paso Road.

The site contains fort building ruins, walking trails, a new Visitor Center and museum exhibit and a gift shop. The fort is open daily

from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call (432) 836-4391 or visit

visitfortlancaster.com.

BY JUSTIN DELOACH WEST TEXAS REHAB

This year's 47th edition of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center's telethon promises to be one of the best yet featuring favorite guests along with two great co-headlining entertainers, Lauren Alaina and Charles "Chip" Esten, the online auction, and more. This year's telethon takes place on Jan. 21 at the Abilene Civic Center from 6 p.m.-midnight.

Lauren Alaina and Charles "Chip" Esten are the co-headliners for the 2017 telethon. Alaina is an American country music singer and songwriter from Rossville, Georgia. Alaina was the runner-up on the tenth season of American Idol. Her debut studio album, Wildflower was released on Oct. 11, 2011 and she currently has three singles on the top 40 country list. Esten is an American actor, singer and comedian best known for his role as Deacon Claybourne on Nashville (2012-present) which will air this year on CMT. Esten previously appeared on the improvisation show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" regularly between 1999-2005. In addition to the co-

headliners, Charlie Chase, longtime co-host of the popular "Crook and Chase" talk lined up to appear are Brad



Rehab telethon Jan. 21 **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Wednesday, Jan. 4

 CCCCSD Second Semester begins Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center • KC Kitchen, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall • Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center • Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

Thursday, Jan. 5

 Balance Exercise, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center • Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center

• OMS Lady Lions vs. Del Rio, 5 p.m. at Del Rio

Friday, Jan. 6

• Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center

• JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs Eldorado, 4 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym Saturday, Jan. 7

OHS Band Area Tryouts at Idalou

 OMS Lions and Lady Lions in the Irion County/Eldorado Tournament at Mertzon and Eldorado.

Monday, Jan. 9

• Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center • Crockett County Commissioners' Court regular meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse an-

• Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center

Crafts, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

• OMS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Christoval, 5:30 p.m. at Christoval Tuesday, Jan. 10

• Sit Down Exercise, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center

• JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Christoval, 4 p.m. at Christoval

Wednesday, Jan. 11

• Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center • KC Kitchen, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall • Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 4 - Douglas Bean, Erica Camp, Arretta Gandy, Joe S. Moran, Realee Capry Borrego, Vince Huffman, Kaylee Ramirez, Felipe Ramirez Jr., Hope S. Moran and Mark Deion Ybarra and Ramon Ybarra

Jan. 5 – John Baker, Jayden Ybarra, Z. Ray Hill, Frances Davis, Sharon Martin, Melinda Malone and Audrey Mason

Jan. 6 - Ivana Hernandez, Keshia Dean, Victor DeLaGarza, Genesis Venegas, Trista Bush, Avalon Trujillo, Kristofer Torres and David Perez

Jan. 7 - Rita DeLaRosa, Michael Savala, Virginia Lea, J.B. Pruitt and Johnny Tambunga Jr. Jan. 8 – H.O. Hoover, Alvin

Ball, Susan Bilano, Kevin Villarreal, Peggy Branyon, Tyson Vordick, Linda Talamantez, Jonathan Anderson, Penny Ramirez Ruiz, Robert Stecher

Jan. 9 - Roy Harrell, Aurora Collett, Janette Lozano, Debbie Puckett, Ivan Mata, Shannon Freeman and Barbaree Fierro

Jan. 10 - Zeke Gonzalez, Willie Payne Jr., Cipriano Perez, Cody Hunnicutt, Nereyda Vega, Gabrielle Gutierrez, Will Hoover, Ismael Villarreal and Nikolas Santiago

Jan. 11 - Shane Albers, Sean Davis, Melissa Oviedo Samarripa, Michael Esparza, Penny Stewart, Lydia Fierro and Alice Lopez

TxDOT seeking public input on mobility program

BY KAREN THRELKELD TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Texas Department of Transportation is hosting a series of regional public workshops to gain insight from the public regarding the federal Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program.

A meeting of the series will be on Friday, Jan. 20 at 2:30 p.m. at the Concho Valley Transit District Terminal, 510 N. Chadbourne St. in San Angelo. The satellite location will be the TxDOT Brownwood District Office located at 2495 Highway 183 North in Brownwood.

During these meetings, which will take place all over Texas during the first two weeks of December and the first two weeks of January, the public will have the opportunity to learn about rural

hotline, 512.360.0668.

Public transportation provides mobility options, reduces traffic congestion, conserves fuel, improves air quality, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and supports emergency preparedness in the areas it serves.

TxDOT promotes and supports public transportation by collaborating with local governments, non-profit entities and other transportation providers. TxDOT provides funding to assist the needs of elderly individuals and persons with disabilities when current transportation service is unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate.

For more information, call Delma Childress at (325) 947-9335.

show on the Nashville Network will return to anchor the Rehab 2017 host desk. Texas legend Red Steagall will be back along with The Boys in the Bunkhouse for the show. Other "regulars"

Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo, Waco/Temple/Bryan, & Lawton, OK. The show will stream live at WestTexasRehab.org. Bids for the annual internet auction of merchandise and services provided by

Maule (General Hospital) and

sponsors to help make the

telethon a continued success.

This year, Suddenlink Com-

munications & Capital Farm

Credit are the official corpo-

rate partners of the live show.

The special tote board, which

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ing total, is sponsored by Ed-

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Decker. Our check presenta-

tion sponsor is Zach, Lou and

Robert O. Briley, host hotel

is the Hilton Garden Inn and

the auction sponsor is NTS

thon will be carried on televi-

sion stations in Abilene, San An-

gelo, Corpus Christi, Midland/

friends and businesses, can

be seen at WestTexasRehab.

org and bids will be accepted

until midnight on Jan. 21.

These auction items will also

be on display at the Abilene

Civic Center beginning at 6

p.m. on the 21st. An auction

television show featuring all

items will air in Abilene and

San Angelo from 5:30-7 p.m.

on the night of the telethon.

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story by using the hash tag

#WestTexasRehab on social

media and you may see your

For more information,

post on the show.

You can join the conver-

Live coverage of the tele-

Communications.

The Rehab relies on its

Twyla Foreman.

public transit from local providers and to provide their own input.

Following presentations from local providers, those in attendance will help identify and prioritize issues and needs facing the transportation program.

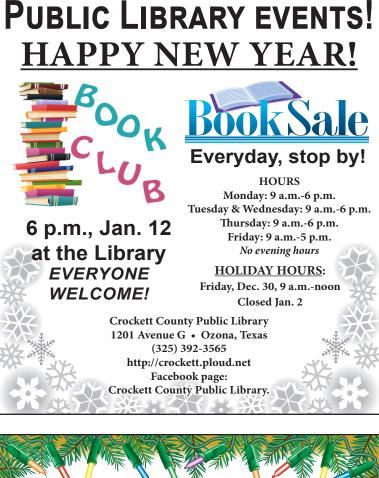
"The needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities are at the center of the Section 5310 program, so we need input from local stakeholders such as transit users, organizations serving seniors and individuals with disabilities, nonprofit agencies, transit districts, and local governments to help guide Section 5310 funding decisions for the next two years," said Kari Banta, the Section 5310 program manager for TxDOT's Public Transportation Division.

Simultaneous meetings at satellite locations will be taking place on a number of the dates.

In addition, the meetings will be available over the internet, so the public can listen in and view the presentations, as well as offer input, from their homes or from locations more convenient to them.

A schedule of the meetings, as well as instructions for joining via webinar, will be updated regularly on www. txdot.gov, under the Hearings and Meetings Schedule. An online survey also, is a link on the meetings pages. Additionally, you may leave input or ask questions via a

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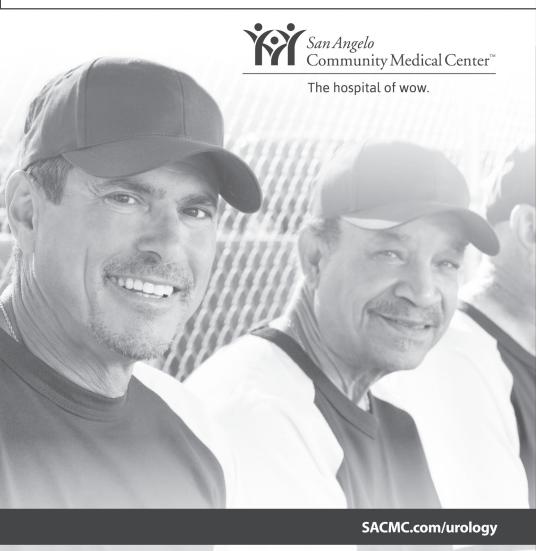


Official hospital of: covering all the bases in prostate health.



If you're a man over 50 years of age, it's time to talk about prostate cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, one in six men will develop prostate cancer in his lifetime. Early detection offers a better opportunity for successful treatment. San Angelo Community Medical Center urologists provide comprehensive care for men with conditions such as prostate, testicular and bladder cancers. Brian Bradley, M.D., a board-certified urologist, offers minimally invasive robotic-assisted surgery for treating prostate cancer.

He is now seeing patients in Sonora. Visit SACMC.com/urology for more information.



Dr. Bradley is an Independent Member of the Medical Staff at SACMC. SACMC is owned in part by physicians.

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Wednesday, January 4, 2017

HELPING HANDS NEWS

Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the elderly. If you have some time, or need some community service for school, come by or call (325) 392-5026.

JANUARY 4

· Smothered pork chop, rice pilaf, green beans, romaine salad, cinnamon apricots, dinner roll, milk

JANUARY 5

 Chicken stew, rice, carrots, cherry dump cake, cornbread, milk

JANUARY 6

·Baked fish, pinto beans, coleslaw, hush puppies, tartar sauce, fruit cup, milk

JANUARY 9

·Chicken & dumplings, purple hull peas, greens, cornbread, ambrosia cup and milk

JANUARY 10

·Pork roast, cornbread dressing, brown gravy, green beans, wheat bread, mixed berry parfait and milk

JANUARY 11

·Chicken and broccoli stir fry, rice, carrots, romaine salad, wheat bread, fruited cherry gelatin and milk

JANUARY 12

· Meatloaf w/tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat bread, banana pudding w/ wafers and milk

JANUARY 13

·Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, peaches and milk

JANUARY 16

• Pulled pork on bun, baked beans, corn, pickles, onions, orange wedges and milk

JANUARY 17

·Italian Meatballs, spaghetti w/sauce, broccoli florets, garlic Texas toast, cinnamon peaches and milk

JANUARY 18

· Grilled chicken sandwich, pinto beans, corn, w/lettuce, tomato, pickle, mayo/mustard, pudding parfait and milk



We have so much to re-learn I submit a portion of my response to a "Here's To Your Health" reader, something for all to consider in 2017 about being responsible for your own health and wellbeing.

Dear [reader]:

Received your letter and Christmas card...

Milk is okay, if you aren't lactose intolerant (I am) or have an allergy to whey or casein (which I do). The real problems with milk, however, are hard to spot and the bacteria and yeast that feeds on the lactose (sugar) can cause overgrowths and infections that contribute to a weakened immune system (you catch colds and flu more readily) and irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). Worse yet, milk has been promoted as a healthy drink since before we can remember and it is not true, in most cases. Water and non-caloric water beverages (like unsweetened tea and coffee) are really the only "healthy" drinks, unless you have caffeine issues.

Every day we make choices that result in consequences...for every action there is a reaction. With respect to our bodies, far too many of us have forgotten or never knew what their body felt like when it was operating in optimum conditions. Many feel colds are a normal part of life, something else we must tolerate. Colds are a sign that your immune system is weakened and is unable to handle the load of fighting the microbes and viruses responsible for your cold. This is not normal and is not a function of a healthy body.

I took responsibility of my health in June of 2010 and in 2013, stopped taking flu shots and meds (prescribed or overthe-counter). I've since been mindful of the nutrients I eat. I haven't had a single sick day since June of 2014. I used to get the flu or have 2 or 3 colds and several allergy-attacks every year. If you are having immune system problems (colds, flu, aches and pains), you can be relatively assured that sugar, grains or dairy are also going to be contributing

factors, and quite possibly all three. We have SO much to relearn.

YOUR HEALTH

takes some 25,000 years the genes to evolve enough

for the body to accommodate a new food source. The problem is, we have been agrarian (raising grains and grasses for livestock) for about 9,000 years and eating grains for about 6,000 years. In other words, we have not developed the biological processes to deal with many of the phytochemicals present in grains. They are therefore toxic and can take many years for the effects to exact their toll. Largely, this is because the body loses its efficiency in extracting them over time, we fail to notice the gradual decline in our health, yet continue to consume the foods we have all our lives. In the end, we wonder, "What the heck happened?

Sugar is an even more recent addition to our diet. We didn't start eating sugar with any real consistency until about 150 years ago. At that time, the average person was consuming about 3 – 6 pounds of sugar annually. Now, that figure is conservatively at 160 pounds per person, per year. Some people consume more than 200 pounds of sugar a year. The body has not yet evolved the processes to deal with such an enormous assault on its organs and tissues without severe repercussions. Little wonder we are a race of obese, type 2 diabetics with heart disease and cancerous tumors. This situation can be changed but it is going to take time and personal responsibility. We have SO much to relearn.

You asked, "Is there not a way to stop the organs from

becoming less efficient (other than cut out grains and sugar) say from a daily exercise? Short answer, "No."

Exercises and workouts breakdown the myofibrils of the muscle tissue and feeding with proper nutrients rebuilds them bigger and better than before in a natural process that helps the body adapt to an increasing workload. It is the feeding with proper nutrients that assures the optimum growth, homeostasis and efficiency of organ health and function; now and for the rest of our lives. ... We have SO much to relearn.

...Be mindful of where and from what your food originates. For instance; a tortilla is made of flour, water, lard and salt. Water, lard and salt are beneficial to the human body (don't be concerned about them). If the lard is replaced with shortening, be concerned... shortening is trans fats and considered cancerous. Flour is ground from wheat, absent all its original nutrients removed and lends 20 to 25 grams of carbohydrate and empty calories to the body's current digestive load. It is also very short lived in its production of energy... The wheat still possesses its phytochemicals, which deposit trace amounts of toxins that collect over time. For many reasons, these toxins are detrimental to the gut flora, the immune system and circulate thru the blood to cause any of 200+ autoimmune diseases. When we are young, we can fight it but at some point, the body's ability to combat these toxins diminishes and they damage the organs and their functions before we have a chance to calm the dis-ease we created by our food choices. We have SO much to relearn. Here's to your health in 2017.

Sincerely, Jim Fish

JIM FISH is an Integrative Nutrition Health Coach. Contact him with your health related questions or citations to this article at (325) 276-2150, jimfish@usa.com or P.O. Box 905, Ozona, Texas 76943

DEATH NOTICES

Micaela Cantu

Micaela Cantu died Dec. 31, 2016 in Ozona.

Services were Tuesday, Jan. 3, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial following in Cedar Hill Cemeterv

She is survived by sons Ruben, Richard and Jerry Cantu, daughters, Martha Velasco, Sulema Fulton and Julie Cantu, brother Raul Villarreal and sisters Julietta Martinez and Emelda Martinez and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

Juanita Mills

A long time resident of Ozona, Teas, Juanita Mills, died on December 31, 2016 at the Schleicher County Nursing Home. Juanita, was born on October 4, 1932, in Coleman County to Wes and Willie Laveda Davis. She was united in marriage to Billy Mills on December 8, 1948 in San Benito, Texas. They had one daughter, Deborah Bourne.

In March of 1951, Billy and Juanita moved to Ozona. She was a postal clerk at the Ozona Post Office for thirty-one years. She also served as "jail matron" for her husband during his thirty-seven year law enforcement career in Crockett County. Her responsibilities included cooking for the prisoners, regardless of the number, and in the "early days" she was the radio dispatcher. She also performed many "motherly duties" supporting her daughter, and her friends in their numerous school and extra curricular activities.

Juanita was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ozona, a member of Fort McKavett Eastern Star. She was also a charter member of Ozona Women's League and a Girl Scout leader.

Preceded in death were husband, Billy Mills, son-in-law Scotty Bourne, and parents Wes and Willie Davis. Her brothers preceding her in death were Dee Davis, Clint Davis, Weldon Davis, Preston Davis, and Tom Davis. Her sisters preceding her were Almarene Love, Willa Fay Pauley, and Doris Fenton.

Survivors include daughter, Deborah Bourne and sisters Wanda McDorman of Midland, Charlene Mobley of Abilene, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the staff of Schleicher County Nursing Home who so unselfishly and professionally cared for Juanita over the last two years and who made her last days as peaceful as possible.

Graveside services were Monday, January 2, 2017, in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS Bingo Social Jan. 16

BY BRENDA NEWTON SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Again I am counting my blessings because we had the most wonderful Christmas. I got spoiled rotten with all my gifts and the best thing of all was the fact that my precious family was with us. I hope you guys had a good time as well. When you read the news around the world or watch it on TV you realize just how great our country is. The weather has been a little, or maybe I should say a lot, crummy up north but not her in our Texas. There will be a Bingo Social on Jan. 16. There will also be bingo this Thursday afternoon. That means tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m. Come join us in the fun Don't forget the sit-down exercise on Tuesday morning at 10:30. Nikki Bishop is leading this exercise. She is the Wesley Nurse at the Methodist Church. Such a sweet girl, and she will take your blood pressure and keep a record of your progress. If you have any questions about diabetes or any other age related problems, give her a call at the Methodist Church. She is aware of all kinds of helpful tidbits that might be helpful.

I have had some request for the balance exercise on Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. Come join us. It is not a very hard exercise but will help strengthen you muscles for the balance we all need to keep us from those dreaded falls. Isn't a little discomfort in your muscles better than the disablement of a broken hip? Just saying! Exercise - 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



JIM FISH

A NEW YEAR

This time of year people make all kinds of New Years resolutions. I do something a little different and it is more of a annual spiritual review (Ephesians 5:15-21) and I use the Christmas Season (Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ) and the beginning of a new year as a review time. I usually try to look back over the year and see my successes and failures. Yes, there was some bumps in the road but there was some smooth sailing also. My plan of action (Psalms 37:5) always centers on my relationship to God. Many times I tend to focus on the failures and not the victories. Give thanks and praise God for the victories. In regard to the failures, after reviewing the past year I may end up in great sorrow for my behavior. With deep sorrow I ask God for forgiveness (1 John 1:9) and ask Him for help in that area. I also review my Church-worship attendance, tithing- giving record, prayer and then service in my local Church (Hebrews 12:28). One area that I think that is a lot more important or that should come first is my personal relational to Christ Jesus. Do I really love Him and spend time with Him in personal Quiet time and bible study? I find that when I do spend time with Him I have a lot more joy and peace in my life (Galatians 5:22-26). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

Apostolic Church 1908 Santa Anna St. Pastor Refugio Vega Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday Service: 7 p.m. Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. J	Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O'War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Martes: 6 p.m. Jueves: 6 p.m. Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Bernardito Getigan Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona Every Second Sunday of the Month: Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield Tues Sat. Mass: 6 p.m. Ozona Church of Christ
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First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Interim Pastor Lee Floyd Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Youth - 6:00 p.m Wednesdays Awana - 5:30 p.m Wednesdays Wednesday Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.	ATTEND THE Church Of Your	Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m, 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.
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OES LION LEADERS SECOND CYCLE FIRST GRADE

OES LION LEADERS SECOND CYCLE SECOND GRADE





OES LION LEADERS SECOND CYCLE FIFTH GRADE

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Lady Lions win consolation at Reagan County Tourney

The OHS Lady Lions won the consolation championship in the Reagan County Tournament last week in Big Lake.

The Lady Lions lost to Stanton, 45-29, in their first game. Scoring: Asia Lara 12; Julie Marshall 6 and Priscila Rodriguez 4.

Ozona lost to Pecos 44-36 in their second game. Scoring: Zephan Cuevas 15; Madison Galindo 10 and Xena Vargas 5.

The Lady Lions then defeated Sonora 48-35. Scoring: Lara 10; Bobbi Jo Vargas 10; Kelly Sewell 9; Cuevas 7; Kamryn Lozano 4 and Galindo 4.

Ozona defeated Wink, 52-28, for the championship. Scoring: Zep. Cuevas 12; Marshall 8; Lozano 7; Lara 6; Zethany Cuevas 7; Lozano 4; Galindo 4; Sewell 3; Rodriguez 2 and Sidney Perez 2.

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The Lady Lions also defeated Winters 42-25 on Dec. 20. Ozona lost to Irion Coun-

ty, 65-36, on Dec. 13. Scoring: Zep. Cuevas 14; Galindo 5; Lara 5; Sewell 4;

Rachel Mendoza 3; Zet. Cuevas 3; Lozano 2. Ozona is 12-7 overall and

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The OHS Lions lost to

Scoring: Jadon Perez 8;

The Lions then competed

Kobe Rodriguez 10; Alec Lara

12; Jackson Abbey 3; Luis

in the Reagan County Tour-

JADON PEREZ scored eight

Winters 45-43 on Dec. 20.

game against Winters.

Contreras 10.

points in the Ozona Lions Dec. 20

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

STOCK SHOW THANKS

Congratulations to the 34 exhibitors at the 68th annual Crockett County Junior Livestock Show.

Thank you to all who provided items for the concession stand and who provided assistance prior to, during, and after the show.

Gratitude is especially given to: the Stock Show for the direction and support, the Criswell Family for cooking chili, the Ozona United Methodist Men for cooking breakfast burritos, Jim Skehan for serving as announcer, Cuatro Jones for serving as photographer and to all of the many generous donors for their support.

4-H CLUB MEETING

There will not be a club meeting in January.

The February meeting will be held at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13. Let the 4-H Office know if you need help with refreshments.

TEXT REMINDERS

Text @cc4hclub to 81010 to receive text reminders on your phone.

4-H ENROLLMENT

Be sure to enroll as soon as possible at 4-H Connect Online, texas.4honline.com.

Registration is required to participate and compete in events. The process can take several days and we don't want anyone to miss deadlines. For more information, call the 4-H Office at (325) 392-2721.

OES LION LEADERS SECOND CYCLE THIRD GRADE



OES LION LEADERS SECOND CYCLE FOURTH GRADE

1-1 in district play.

Lions compete at Reagan County Tourney

nament held last week in Big Lake.

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MADISON GALINDO scored 10

points in the Lady Lions game

Ozona lost to McCamey 56-37 in their first game. High Point Scorer: Lara 10; Abbey 10.

The Lions lost to Reagan County 52-28 in their second game. High Point Scorer: Lara 8; Roman Esparza 8.

In their third game, Ozona lost to Coahoma 56-34. High Point Scorer: Esparza 14.

The Lions lost the third place game, 52-38, to Stanton. High Point Scorer: Esparza 13.

4-HOFFICE

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Youth Center Calendar of Events

HIGH SCHOOL: Monday: 7-10 p.m.; Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.; Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.; Thursday: 2-10 p.m.; Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight and Saturday: 2-7 p.m. **CLOSED SUNDAYS**

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.; Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.; Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

OHS MEAL NIGHT: Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

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Benefield's Slow Lane Ranch, which is part of The Texas West Ranch. The Benefield's Slow Lane Ranch, which is part of The Texas West Ranch. The Benefields have 280 acres of high fence and 20 acres down this road that is low fence. This 6 1/2 year old buck that was killed on the low fence 20 acres weighed in at 150 pounds, had a 16 inch spread and scored 157 2/8 class.

Trophy buck taken on Slow Lane Ranch

Submitted by Kimberly Benefield

We moved to your area about 2 years ago and bought a ranch that was high fence with exotics on it.

We lived in Brazoria, Texas and we had intended to come back and forth. We could tell that it was not going to work. The animals needed to be seen to and we had to make sure they had water and feed. Anything could happen we had discovered in our area. For in-

We sold our place in Bra-

zoria and moved to Ozona. We found the people to be very friendly my husband trades at Triple C Hardware often and the owners and staff were very helpful. My husband likes to go up there and visit and cut up with everyone.

We didn't know a lot of people when we moved here so we had to meet new people. My husband lived in the Brazoria area for 65 years so it was quite different for us to move to this area. We met some really nice people, Tom and Monette, they own a ranch around the

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Weekly Activity Report

Type of Calls Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints 1 911 medical/fire assistance 6 **Civil complaints** 9 Civil documents served 1 Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise 9 Juvenile/School 3 Motorist assist/ locked vehicle 4 Reckless driving/ speeding complaints 5 Minor/major traffic accidents 4 Alarms 2 **OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:**

12-23-16

• After a report of a possible domestic disturbance on Angus Street, sheriff's deputies arrested Jonathan Daniel Borrego, of Ozona, for assault family violence. Subject was arraigned and released on bond. **12-24-16** • Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal argument on Rugged Road.

• Sheriff's deputies arrested David Lee Pollack, of Ozona, for public intoxication. Subject was arraigned and released after time served.

• After reporting to Stripes for a report of juveniles taking some beer, sheriff's deputies located three juveniles and took them into custody for theft. The juveniles were released to their parents. **12-25-16**

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal argument on Mulberry Street.

• Sheriff's deputies escorted an unwanted subject from a residence on Corto Street. **12-26-16**

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud noise complaint on Avenue J.

FOR THE RECORD: COURT PROCEEDINGS

COUNTY COURT Closed Cases December 2016

 $\,$ \cdot Stormy Rae Hoover, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, conviction - 22 days in jail.

• Charles Victor Durovic, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, dismissed – pled to a lesser charge.

 Lovell Chico Lacey, failure to appear, conviction - \$322 fine and \$178 court costs.
Jorge Luis Perez, failure to appear, con-

viction - \$322 fine and \$178 court costs. • Ricardo Rios Carrasco, failure to appear,

conviction - \$322 fine and \$178 court costs. • Inderjeet Singh, failure to appear, con-

viction - \$322 fine and \$178 court costs.

Alfred Chila, assault bodily injury, dismissed – does not wish to further prosecute.
Joshua Jermane Jones, assault bodily injury family violence, dismissed – completed

obligations to the county attorney. • Herberto Sauceda Jr., driving while li-

cense invalid – enhanced, dismissed – completed obligations to the county attorney. • Manuel Galindo Villarreal III, posses-

sion of marijuana less than two ounces, conviction – 30 days in jail.

• Randeep Singh Shari, failure to appear, conviction - \$322 fine and \$178 court costs.

• Olivio Medina Sanchez, failure to appear, conviction - \$322 fine and \$178 court costs.

Care Center Board Meeting Thursday

The Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at the EMS Building. The meeting is open to the public.

Items on the agenda:

Sign and approve the minutes of the Dec. 8 meeting.
EMS Report

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Administrator Report

- Old Business
- New Business

• Discussion of nonagenda items by members for the purpose of placing them on the next agenda.

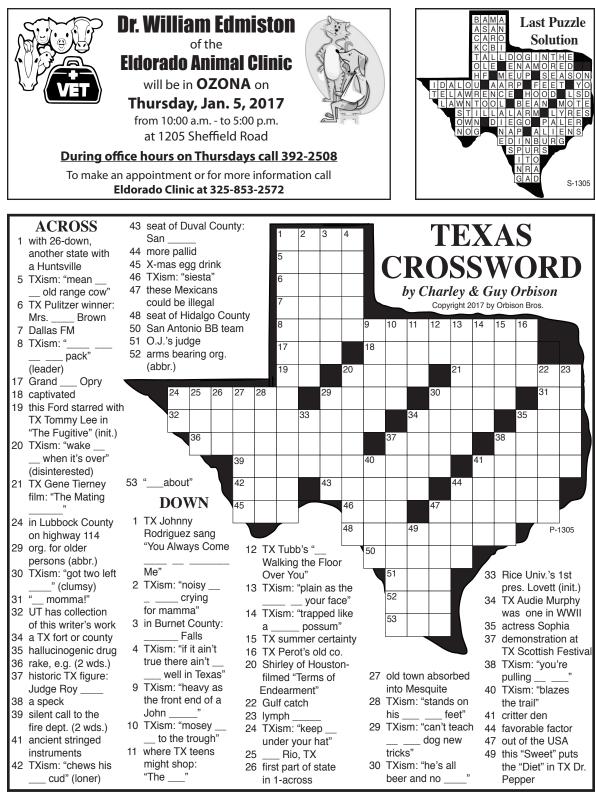
• Review and authorization to pay Care Center/ H.S.C./E.M.S. Financials

· Executive session if needed.

safe and supportive placements for kids in the system.

"While he did not heed my call for a special session, I hope Governor Abbott will move to declare fixing our foster care system an emergency item so we can get Senate Bill 11 moving immediately." Uresti said. Senate Bill 11 is one of several pieces of legislation Uresti is working on to improve CPS and Texas' foster care system. Uresti represents Senate District 19, which includes Crockett County.

The Stockman Deadline is NOON ON MONDAY



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stance, the quick rain showers with a inch or more rain falling quickly, our water gaps might open on our property and possibly the exotics could get out. they own a ranch around the corner from us and have property across the road from us, Wilborn Whitetails. They have helped us a lot.

They have helped us a lot. They explained how, we could have a better heard for breeding and how to better manage our animals. Just recently we built a catch pen to help reduce the overstock of exotics that we have on our ranch, when we don't have enough hunters to take care of them. It will help a lot to manage our herd of animals. They helped mentor us because they have already had their pens for years and been through the mistakes that it takes to make the pen to catch animals work effectively. They shared their knowledge with us so we didn't have to make the same mistakes.

We really can't believe how nice and generous the people are in this area. We're very glad to be a part of this community and look forward to living here in our retirement years.

Now to my deer story. We have 300 acres and it is in a half fence. We have 20 acres and I love the fence area in the back of our ranch. That's where I usually get large whitetail every year. I have got a large white tail off this 20 acres for the last two years.

I saw this large white tail on the game camera and have been hunting seriously trying to find this deer since season opened up. I did get a shot at this animal three weeks ago. I missed. I was guiding a hunt for young girl and she was after a whitetail buck. I had already explained that I was after a large white tail. If I was to see this whitetail, I would have to shoot at the deer and she would have to go on another hunt at another time. When the whitetail deer came out I had to bury her gone to take a shot at. I shot it in the shoulder. I waited about 30 minutes

I waited about 30 minutes before looking for it. It went about 30 to 40 yards. The people that were hanging on our ranch walked with me and my husband to look for the deer. When we discovered it he said, that's one that didn't have much ground shrinkage for sure. I finally got the whitetail buck I have been searching for the last two years. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, as joint authors on Senate Bill 11, which aims to improve Child Protective Services (CPS) policies, contract oversight, and health care services for children and youth in foster care.

Uresti said these changes will ensure that children with complex medical needs are assessed quickly, that state resources are spent wisely, and that our foster care providers are creating

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and to all pregnant women in the area with or without symptoms.

Efforts include environmental assessments to help reduce mosquito habitats. Recent cold temperatures, combined with mosquito control efforts, have reduced the mosquito population in the area. However, on warm days, residents should continue to use mosquito repellent and wear long sleeves and pants.

It is also important to dump out containers that hold standing water in and around homes to deny mosquitoes a place to lay eggs.

ECO- MINDED ACTIONS URGED

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Dec. 21 posted its annual plea to be eco-friendly during the holidays and into the new year:

"Whether we try to save money, lose weight, or quit certain habits, one habit worth breaking is throwing away items that can be reused or recycled. Every year, landfills take on more and more things we no longer want or need. In fact, in 2015, Texans added about 33.5 million tons of stuff to them. That's more than six-and- a-half pounds of trash per Texan per day! If recent trends continue, that number will have increased for 2016. And at this rate, we only have enough landfill space to last another 56 years."

Among things the TCEQ asks of Texans:

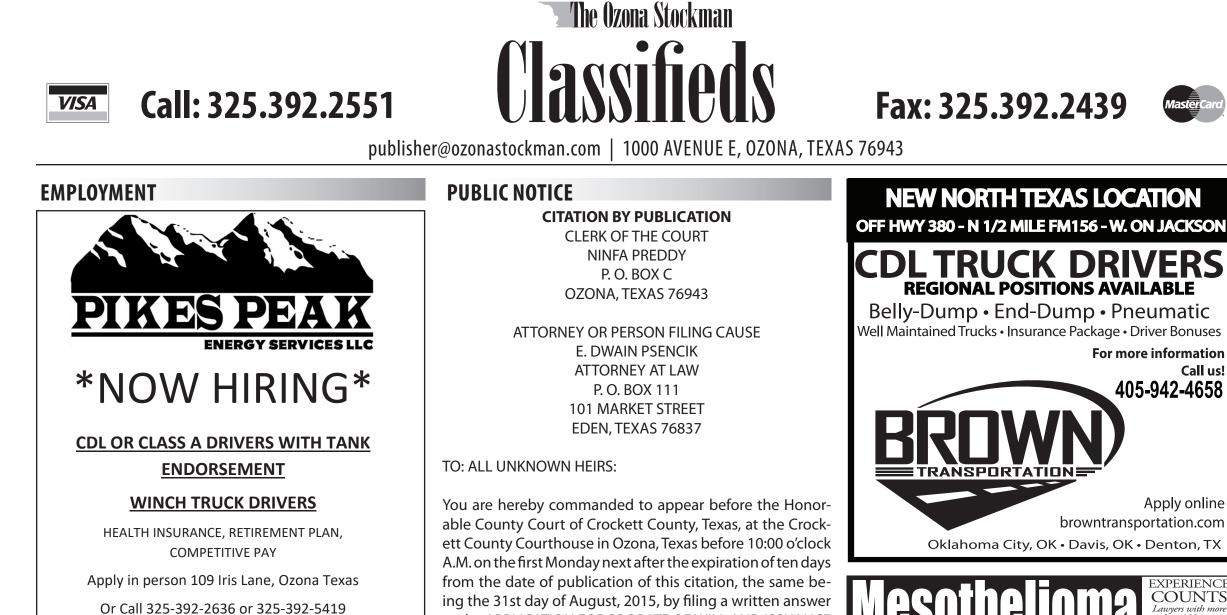
Use and re-use gift bags;
Serve meals on reusable plates and use cloth napkins;

- Use rechargeable batteries and recycle them when they no longer hold a charge; and

- Sell, donate or recycle old electronics.

Also, because more than 80 billion pieces of junk mail are delivered each year and most of it ends up in landfills, the TCEQ suggests that Texans opt out of unwanted catalogs, prescreened credit and insurance offers remember to recycle junk mail.

Last but not least, the TCEQ recommends: "Consider reusing holiday cards in craft projects instead of tossing them in the trash."



TORS: Fast Growing Texas Company looking for qualified dry bulk materials plant operator in Big Lake Texas; Duties of Plant Operator will include, Unloading bulk railcars and loading pneumatic trucks, routine equipment maintenance, rail operations and commitment to safety and quality of the work being done. The Ideal Candidate will possess: Excellent communication and organizational skills with attention to detail. Proactive Attitude; Must be able to lift 100 lbs. consistently; Able to work as part of a team; Conscientious and selfmotivated approach to work; Promptness and accountability; Process manufacturing or heavy equipment; Experience will be highly regarded; Job is outdoors so candidate must be willing to work in all weather conditions. Employment drug screen required; Railroad Operations; Experience Preferred; Excellent

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> TAKING APPLICATIONS AT THE CROCKETT COUNTY ROAD **DEPARTMENT:** CDL preferred, pick up applications at the road department office or county auditor's office. tfc32

> **CROCKETT COUNTY CARE CEN-**TER is accepting applications for R.N.'s, L.V.N.'s & C.N.A's. Applicant chosen will undergo drug screen, physical and Worksteps. Applications can be picked up from the Business Office at the Care Center, 103 N. Ave. H, Ozona, Texas. CCCC is an EOE. tfc41

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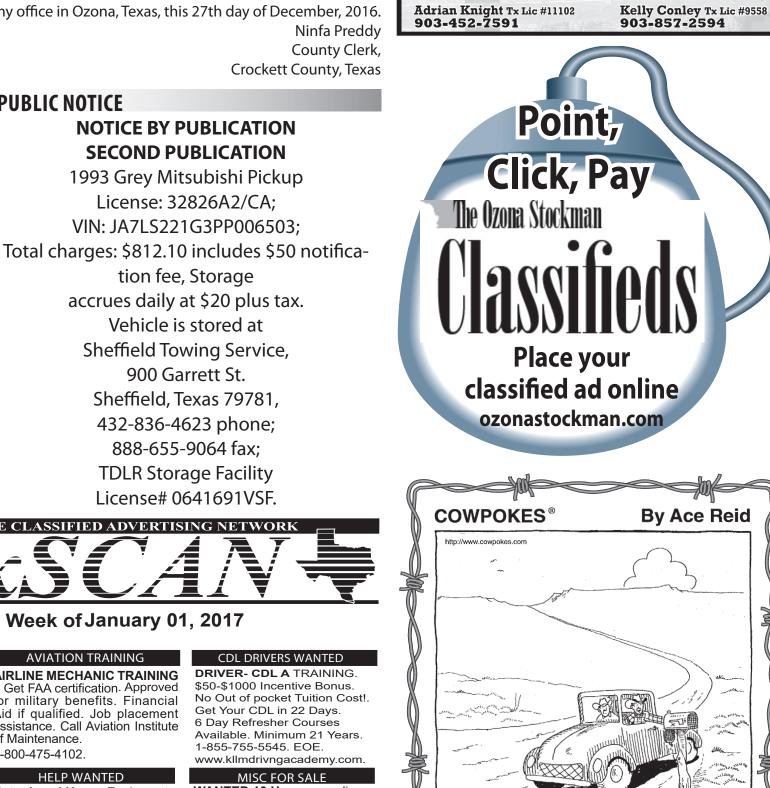
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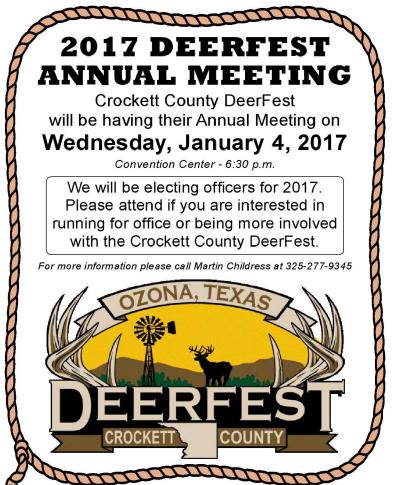
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